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Dear Commissioner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining this case, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert:

-- This application is a divisional to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/079,212, filed May 14, 1998. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24, without prejudice.

REMARKS

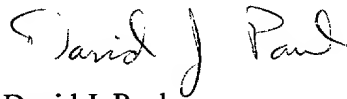
Claims 1-24 are canceled, without prejudice. Claims 25-56 are hereby presented for prosecution.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner feels that a conference will expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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